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The above-identified patent application claims priority to European Patent Application No. 02254893.7 filed July 11, 2002. . Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of a European Search Report issued on the priority European Patent Application No. 02254893.7. The Search Report cited United States Patent No. 6,369,951, German Patent Application No. DE 4114407, European Patent Application No. EP 1099943, and Patent Abstracts of Japan publication No. JP 05 340839 A.

Applicants' attorney also encloses copies of United States Patent Nos. US 4,309,671, US 6,144,025 and US 5,825,792 that were cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application.

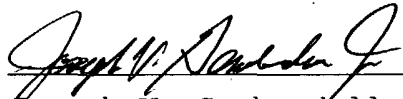
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